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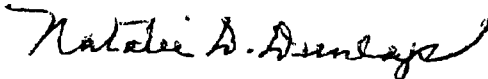
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was pleased to learn the federal government decided to settle its antitrust case against Microsoft. This should have been done a long time ago. Nonetheless, I am in favor of the steps that have recently been taken to resolve this lawsuit.

I am a very strong supporter of Microsoft. As a result of Microsoft's hard work and innovation, we live in a world where I can communicate with loved ones across the country with ease. I firmly believe this case was brought as a result of the misguided idea that a successful company should be knocked down, and its competitors should be awarded the fruits of their labor.

Notwithstanding my belief that this case lacked merit from its inception, I think the settlement agreement's terms are fair. The court should not hesitate in its approval of the settlement. Microsoft has agreed to make it easier for its competitors to compete with Windows. They agreed to document and disclose to their competitors portions of the Windows code. They also agreed not to retaliate against those who promote software that competes with Windows. Nothing more should be expected or required of Microsoft beyond the terms of the settlement agreement.

Sincerely,



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